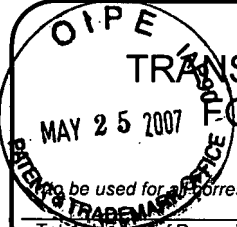



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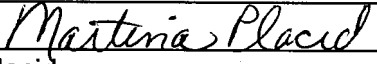
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In reply to the first Office Action mailed February 22, 2007, the shortened statutory period for which runs until May 22, 2007, please reconsider the subject application in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

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